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40-Hour Closure of 101 Freeway for Demolition of Sixth Street Viaduct

**Freeway Closed Friday February 5th at 10 p.m. to Sunday February 7th at 2 p.m.
Viaduct Closing to all traffic by end of January**

LOS ANGELES (January 15, 2016) -- The City of Los Angeles' Bureau of Engineering announced today that US Rte 101 will be closed for 40 hours starting on Friday February 5, 2016 at 10 p.m. to allow for demolition of the portion of the Sixth Street viaduct that crosses over the freeway.

The 84-year old Sixth Street Viaduct suffers from a chemical deterioration of the bridge's concrete and needs to be replaced. Construction of the new viaduct will be completed in late 2019.

The 3500-foot long viaduct will be closed to all traffic by the end of January. The demolition of the remaining portion of the viaduct is expected to last nine months.

"My main priorities are keeping Angelenos safe and doing everything possible to minimize inconveniences or confusion that may be caused by the closure," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "We will do that by ensuring that detours are clearly marked, and working closely with LAPD and LAFD to maintain the highest standards of police and fire response throughout the weekend."

A 2.5 mile section of US Rte 101 will be closed from the 10/101 split to the 5/10/101 interchange just south of downtown Los Angeles. In addition, motorists travelling west on Rte 60 from the Pomona area will not be able to access US Rte 101.

"We are encouraging drivers to plan ahead, expect delays and to follow detour signs to alternate freeways," said Carrie Bowen, Caltrans District 7 Director. "It's important for motorists to Be Work Zone Alert and to Slow for the Cone Zone."

Construction will start on the east side of the Los Angeles River in Boyle Heights.

"During the 40-hour freeway closure we encourage local residents of Boyle Heights and Downtown Los Angeles to plan accordingly," said Councilmember Jose Huizar (CD-14). "As we say goodbye to our old 6th Street Bridge before welcoming in our new bridge and public space, this is a necessary step to ensure the public's safety and begin the work at hand."

The Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project is led by the City's Bureau of Engineering.

“Safety is always first in all the work we do in the City,” said Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer. “Closing the freeway will allow us to do demolition in the way that is safest for motorists and everyone else in that area of the city.”

Traffic detours will be as follows – SEE DETOUR MAP BELOW

When traveling N/B 5 from the Orange County area approaching the 5/10/101 Interchange :

Exit to N/B 101 closed

- Exit to W/B 10 open
- Exit to N/B 5 open

Primary Detour: N/B 710 to W/B 10

Secondary Detour: W/B 10 to N/B 110

When traveling W/B 60 from the Pomona area approaching 5/10/101 Interchange:

- Exit to N/B 101 closed
- Exit to W/B 10 open
- Exit to N/B 5 open

Primary Detour: N/B 710 to W/B 10

Secondary Detour: W/B 10 to N/B 110

When traveling S/B 101 from the San Fernando Valley area approaching the 10/101 Split:

- Exit to S/B 101 closed
- W/B 10 open

Primary Detour: S/B 110 to E/B 10

Secondary Detour: E/B 10 to S/B 710

101 Freeway On-Ramp closures will be as follows:

NB 6th Street/ Whittier Blvd on-ramp CLOSED

NB Euclid Street on-ramp CLOSED

NB Soto Street to 101 Freeway CLOSED

SB Commercial Street on-ramp CLOSED

SB Mission Street on-ramp CLOSED

SB 4th Street on-ramp CLOSED

The construction team is led by Skanska-Stacey and Witbeck (SSW).

The **project HOTLINE** number is 213-400-8398.

For more detailed information on the closure, please go to www.sixthstreetviaduct.org or follow the closure on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sixtstreetbridge>, Twitter: <https://twitter.com/6thStViaduct>, and Instagram: <https://instagram.com/6thstviaduct>.

US 101 FREEWAY CLOSURE DETOUR PLAN [6TH STREET VIADUCT DEMOLITION]



THE SIXTH STREET VIADUCT REPLACEMENT PROJECT will replace the existing, 3500-foot long viaduct with a structure that provides safer traffic and goods movement and incorporates exceptional bike and pedestrian access, eight acres of open and recreational space and public art elements. The \$449 million project is being led by the Bureau of Engineering and is the largest bridge project in the history of Los Angeles.

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